

BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS

One Hundred, Fifty and Twenty Years Ago

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ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

Important News From Europe.

Important news from Europe is reaching us daily by the British packet, the *Hinchinbrook*, arrived at Halifax 25 days from Falmouth, on London dates are extended to March 30. From the extracts we have made in the preceding columns it will be perceived that the Drama of Blood is about to commence, in which all the European powers are to perform very conspicuous characters. If the contest is to be sanguinary, we trust it will be short, and that the denouement may be favorable to the interests, the happiness, and the tranquility of mankind.

More Important News.

New Orleans, April 7th, 1815. By advices which may be relied on, and which were received here as well from the Havana, as from the British packet, it appears that a war between England and Spain has now become unavoidable. The British officers on board the fleet speak freely of it, and at the Havana the rumor has long been prevalent. It is asserted that the British have, by anticipation (that is to say their usual way) captured a Spanish frigate loaded with specie and destined for the Peninsula.

Strayed Mare.

Strayed from the subscriber on the 26th of March last, a bay mare, ten or twelve years old; a small white star in her forehead; a pair of three white spots on her back; square decked; her mane and tail considerably grown; has not been trimmed since last fall; natural trotter; stocky built; a good size; black round; when she got away. Whoever will return said mare or give information to the owner shall be rewarded in a generous manner by

ISAAC J. CURTIS
Stratford, (near Washington Bridge)
May 22nd, 1815.

FIFTY YEARS AGO.

Local Soldier's Funeral.
The remains of Private Edward Card, of Co. I, First Connecticut Heavy Artillery, arrived in this city on Tuesday evening, and the funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon from the residence of his brother. He was a young man beloved by all who knew him both in his regiment and at home, and the circumstances attending his death have created a profound sensation in the community.

While in a dying condition, lingering for months of an incurable disease, the surgeon in charge refused to allow him to come home to his friends, notwithstanding a full knowledge of the sufferer's condition. Such inhumanity should not be forgotten.

\$100,000 Reward.

Washington, April 20th, 1865.
To Maj.-Gen. M. C. Meade.
The murder of our beloved President, Abraham Lincoln, is still at large. \$50,000 reward will be paid by this department for his apprehension, in addition to any reward offered by the municipal authorities or state executives.

\$25,000 reward will be paid for the apprehension of G. A. Amersot, sometimes called "Red Tobacco," one of Booth's accomplices.
A liberal reward will be paid for any information that will lead to the arrest of any of the above accomplices or the criminal. All persons harboring or concealing the said persons, or either of them, or aiding or assisting their concealment or escape will be treated as their accomplices in the murder of the President, and the attempted assassination of the Secretary of State, and shall be subject to the penalty before a military commission and the penalty is death.

Let the stain of innocent blood be removed from the land by the arrest and punishment of the murderers. All good citizens are expected to aid public justice.

On this occasion every man should consider his conscience charged with night or day until it be accomplished. (Signed) EDWIN M. STANTON, this solemn duty, and rest neither Secretary of War.

TWENTY YEARS AGO.

New Bell in St. Augustine's.
The new bell which is to be placed in the church steeple will be blessed next Sunday afternoon by Bishop Tierney. The consecration will be conducted on a scale of grandeur. The decorations of the altar and the church proper will be very elaborate and will be under the direction of John Clark.
James H. McElroy and Mrs. Philo Skidmore will be the sponsors. The bell weighs something like 4,000 lbs. Father Cremin expects to have it ready to announce the last mass of the first Sunday in May.

John Shannon, aged 18, of Calhoun avenue, while stopping a liner in a game of ball this afternoon, sustained a double fracture of the third finger of his left hand.

A. O. H. Notice

The members of the four divisions of the Hibernians of the city are requested to meet at Hibernian Rife Hall this evening at 7:30 o'clock sharp. Business of importance is to be transacted. All members are requested to be present.

JOHN J. HOPE, Chairman
PHILIP H. FLYNN, Secretary.

Death of Patrick Solbie.
The death of Patrick Solbie, which occurred this Saturday night at his residence on Kosuth street, was not unexpected as he has been partially an invalid for some years. He has been connected with the firm of Hall & Read for the past 22 years and was an active member of the Park Street Congregational church.

Mrs. Mary Fitzpatrick, of New Haven, assumed charge of the Tremont Hotel, Proprietor Downings retiring.

Last evening Mr. Patrick Sheehan and Michael McLaughlin entertained those present at the A. O. H. Consolidated fair. This evening Mr. John Loring, the well known vocalist, and

Wheeler & Wilson Ball Nine.

The Wheeler & Wilson baseball team has been organized for the season as follows: Sterling, c.; Monahan, p.; Wrightman, ss.; Pitt, 1b.; Burns, 2b.; Lush, 3b.; Shaller, 1b.; Scheibel, manager and c.f.; Lewis, r.f. Burns formerly played on the Hartford team and has a national reputation. Monahan, who is well known in East Bridgeport, as the "demon pitcher," has a record of 27 consecutive strike outs. Shaller has circled the bases in 18 seconds. Philip Cobb is the club's choice for umpire in their games. The manager would like to hear from the leading clubs in the city.

From the Cruiser Chicago.

Wallace Porter, William Minch and James O'Toole, who have been members of the United States cruiser *Chicago*'s crew for three years, are in this city where their homes are located. They have re-enlisted and are part of the levy drawn from the *Chicago* for the Amphitheatre, which is about to go into commission at the Norfolk Navy Yard.

Porter is a son of the late Doctor Porter of this city, who died a few months ago at Port Jefferson. He has served on the Columbia and Minneapolis, and although only 22 years of age, has advanced to the position of master gunner, the highest non-commissioned post in the naval service.

RHODE ISLAND YOUTH PLANS TO TRAMP TO THE PACIFIC COAST

Seventeen years old Arthur Burgess, chief of the Boy scout patrol of North Providence, R. I., who is walking from New York to the Pacific coast, called at The Farmer office today. He started from home April 18. Unlike most professional tramps, Arthur has no tale to tell of the immensity of money he is to get if he completes his tramp within a certain number of days, nor does he spring the time-honored gag about making his tramp on a wager which if won will keep him in spending money all the days of his life. He says simply that he is making the trip to see the country and also the exposition. He expects to walk a good part of the way where the going is good, but when he strikes places where the going is bad, he will ride if he can. He has money enough to buy food and lodging until he reaches New York city. There he intends to obtain postals which he hopes to sell on the way out.

Burgess hopes to find employment at the exposition and then to go over plans to return home by shiping as a deck hand on some steamer that is coming through the Panama canal. Burgess worked on steamers along the coast and started on his long hike for California.

ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE TO GIVE SUNDAY CONCERT

The concert to be given by the Bridgeport Symphony orchestra at the Lyric theatre, Sunday evening, April 25, at 8:30 o'clock, is to be given for the benefit of the Animal Rescue League of Bridgeport. Members of the league are bending every effort to make the affair a success in order that the proceeds may be such that the work of the League may be carried on with renewed energy during the present season.

Frank L. Callahan, formerly conductor of the New York Marine Band, will conduct the orchestra of 50 men. Mrs. Ray Bradley Kelsey, one of the foremost lyric soprano soloists in the state, will sing; and Hilding R. Gustafson, the famous New York violinist, will assist.

OBITUARY

MATILDA ROSSMAN.

The funeral of Matilda, widow of Joseph Rossman, was held yesterday afternoon at 2:30 from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Nowell Lerou, 429 Hollister avenue, with a large gathering of sorrowing relatives and friends. There were many floral tributes. Rev. J. P. Wagner, pastor of the Summerfield M. E. church, gave a very impressive service at the house and read committal service at the family plot in Lakeview cemetery. The pall-bearers were sons-in-law of the deceased.

The Egyptian merchant named Khalil, who on April 8 made an unsuccessful attempt to assassinate Hussein Kamel, Sultan of Egypt, was ordered to die by hanging by a military court in Cairo.

The application of Albert J. Schneider for back pay to \$2.50 was granted. The application of Lieut. J. J. Kane for \$3.20 back pay was referred to Commissioner Cassidy for investigation. The application of Allan Cameron for 10 days back pay was referred to Commissioner Lindquist. An application for the location of a fire alarm box in the block between Broad and Broad streets was referred to Commissioner Tague. The application was signed by every business man in the block.

Attorney-General Woodbury designated Deputy Attorney-General Wilbur W. Chambers to assist District Attorney Cagan of Rockland county, N. Y. In the prosecution of alleged irregularities in the accounts of former Town Clerk Cleary of Haverstraw.

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MEMBER OF FIRE BOARD SAYS MEN LOBBY FOR FAVORS

Commissioner Accuses Firemen of Starting Agitation for More Time Off.

"I strenuously object to any statement by anyone that the men of the Bridgeport Fire department are becoming physical wrecks because of the arduous duties they are required to perform," declared President John A. Leonard at a meeting of the fire commissioners last night.

The ordinance proposed by Alderman Casey to allow the firemen four 12 hour periods each month in addition to the four days off they now have the six extra days in each year, did not come before the commissioners although it was referred to them by the common council. The commissioners discussed the matter informally though and decided that if the proposed ordinance does come before them they will go before the council and oppose it. Alderman Casey had hoped that if the commissioners could not see their way clear to grant the four periods they might grant three or even two.

"I would like to see some of the physical wrecks in the department and retire them," continued President Leonard last night. "There are plenty of men in this city willing and anxious to take their places. I would be glad to see the men have more time off. I believe the longer a man stays in the department the better his physical condition is. I think all the commissioners would like to see the men have more time off but with only three men, the others being on duty off or at dinner. The board of appointment has not allowed us a single man in two years."

There is a rule of the fire department that says that any man who shall attempt to influence legislation except at a public hearing shall be dismissed from the department," said Commissioner Lindquist. "The department started from within the department and the sooner those behind it get out of this kind of business the better it will be for them. When a character of money he is to get if he completes his tramp within a certain number of days, nor does he spring the time-honored gag about making his tramp on a wager which if won will keep him in spending money all the days of his life. He says simply that he is making the trip to see the country and also the exposition. He expects to walk a good part of the way where the going is good, but when he strikes places where the going is bad, he will ride if he can. He has money enough to buy food and lodging until he reaches New York city. There he intends to obtain postals which he hopes to sell on the way out."

Ladderman Thomas F. Reilly, ladderman of Truck No. 1 pleaded guilty to intoxication while on duty on April 15. He was fined \$100 and his license equal to a fine of \$100 besides the loss of his pay during the three weeks he has been suspended. Reilly was ordered on duty today but he was transferred to the engine man with Engine Co. No. 1. There is another Thomas F. Reilly who is a ladderman with Truck No. 2 and the similar names and positions have given rise to much confusion in the department. Other transfers ordered last night were: Hoseman J. Orditz from No. 1 to No. 3 Cq. and Hoseman George Smith from No. 3 Engine Co. No. 3 Truck.

Commissioner Lindquist favored dismissing Reilly from the department as was done in Tinko's case but the other commissioners thought the cases were different and Reilly had never been before the board on a similar charge while Tinko was up three times before he was dismissed. Commissioner Tague, however, thought measures should be taken to stamp out drunkenness of men while on duty. He said Reilly's offense was the more serious because he knew that Tinko had been dismissed from the department and recently another fireman had been fined \$100 for the same offense.

It was voted to have an expert from the Gamewell Fire Alarm Telegraph Co. come to Bridgeport and go over some of the old signals and quicken the repeaters. This will cost \$75 per day and expenses of the expert.

It was arranged to disconnect the horn on the fire alarm signal at State and Broad streets during the church hours on Sunday. Members of the North Congregational church complain that their services are disturbed by the horn.

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VON BERNSTORFF REBUKED IN SHARP NOTE FROM U. S. UPHOLDING EXPORT OF ARMS

Washington, April 22.—Although diplomatically expressed, a note which, on behalf of the United States, was delivered yesterday at the German Embassy, in reply to the memorandum of the present belligerents, policy of the United States, presented by Count von Bernstorff on April 4, contains a vigorous rebuke to the German Ambassador for the freedom of his remarks on the course taken by the United States towards the warring European nations.

The American note, which, although signed by Secretary Bryan, was finally drafted by President Wilson himself, and used by him in his own typewriter, states positively, in reply to the German suggestion, that the United States will not place any embargo on the export of arms or other war munitions. This message is intended for the German Foreign Office, as the Foreign Office has assumed responsibility for the von Bernstorff communication.

For the benefit of Count von Bernstorff, the language used in the American note, which, if the American people desire to observe true neutrality, they will find means to stop the exclusive importation of arms to one side," the note points out that the language used "is susceptible of being construed as impugning the good faith of the United States."

The United States "takes it for granted that no such implication was intended," but suggests that the German Ambassador is "laboring under certain false impressions."

Equally severe exception is taken to the hint of the German Ambassador that the United States has unduly favored England by its failure to prohibit successfully against the seizure by England of ships loaded with food-stuffs bound for Germany, the note declaring that the relations of the United States with any of the belligerent nations "cannot wisely be made a subject of discussion with a third government."

The position of the United States on the arms question is put squarely before the German Ambassador. The embargo on arms during the progress of the war would be "a direct violation of the neutrality of the United States."

At the German Embassy last night it was said that as the United States note was addressed to the German Foreign Office all comment on it must await its reception there.

The text of the note follows: "Excelsency—

I have given thoughtful consideration to your Excellency's note of the 4th of April, 1915, enclosing a memorandum of the same date, in which your Excellency discusses the action of this government with regard to the trade between the United States and Germany and the attitude of this government with regard to the exportation of arms from the United States to the nations now at war with Germany."

I must admit that I am somewhat at a loss to interpret your Excellency's treatment of these matters. There are many circumstances connected with these important subjects which I would have expected your Excellency to advert, but of which you make no mention, and there are other circumstances to which you do refer which I would have supposed to be hardly appropriate for discussion between the government of the United States and the government of Germany."

I shall take the liberty, therefore, of regarding your Excellency's reference to the course pursued by the government of the United States with regard to interferences with trade from this country, such as the government of Great Britain has attempted, as holding the view, and considering it more fully the situation to which you desire to call our attention and not as an invitation to discuss that course."

No Third Party.
Your Excellency's long experience in international affairs will have suggested to you that the relations of the two governments with one another cannot wisely be made a subject of discussion with a third government which cannot be fully informed as to the facts and which cannot be fully cognizant of the reasons for the course pursued."

I believe, however, that I am justified in assuming that what you desire to call forth is a frank statement of the position of this government in regard to its obligations as a neutral Power. The general attitude and course of policy of this government in the maintenance of its neutrality I am particularly anxious that your Excellency should see in their true light."

I had hoped that this Government's position in these respects had been made abundantly clear, but I am of course perfectly willing to state it again. This seems to me the more necessary and desirable because, I regret to say, the language which your Excellency employs in your memorandum susceptible of being construed as impugning the good faith of the United States in the performance of its duties as a neutral. I take it for granted that no such implication was intended, but it is so evident that your Excellency is laboring under certain false impressions that I cannot be too explicit in setting forth the facts as they are when fully reviewed and comprehended."

No Rights Yielded.
In the first place this government has at no time and in no manner yielded any one of its rights as a neutral to any of the present belligerents. It has acknowledged as a matter of course the right of visit and search and the right to apply the rules of contraband of war to articles of commerce."

It has insisted upon the use of visit and search as an absolutely necessary safeguard against mistaking neutral vessels for vessels owned by an enemy and against mistaking legal cargoes for illegal. It has admitted also the right of blockade, if actually exercised and effectively maintained. These are merely the well known limitations which war places upon neutral commerce on the high seas."

But nothing beyond these has it conceded. I call your Excellency's attention to all the world as a consequence of the publication of our correspondence in regard to the matters of the belligerent nations, because I cannot assume that you have official cognizance of it."

In the second place this Government attempted to secure from the German and British Governments mutual concessions with regard to the measures those Governments respectively adopted for the interruption of trade on the high seas. This it did not do right, but merely an exercising the privileges of a sincere friend of both parties and as indicating its impartial good will."

Act Showed U. S. Spirit.
The attempt was unsuccessful; but I regret that your Excellency did not deem it worthy of mention in modification of the impressions you expressed. We had hoped that this act on our part had shown our spirit in these times of distressing war as our diplomatic experience had shown our steadfast refusal to acknowledge the right of any belligerent to alter the accepted rules of war at sea in so far as they affect the rights and interests of neutral nations."

In the third place, I note with sincere regret that in discussing the sale and exportation of arms by citizens of the United States to the enemies of Germany your Excellency has been under the impression that it was within the choice of the Government of the United States, knowing its professed neutrality and its diligent efforts to maintain it in other particulars, to inhibit this trade and that its failure to do so manifested an unfair attitude toward Germany."

This Government holds, as I believe your Excellency is aware, and as it is constrained to hold in view of the present indisputable doctrines of accepted international law, that any change in its own laws of neutrality during the progress of a war, which would affect unequally the relations of the United States with the nations at war would be an unjustifiable departure from the principle of strict neutrality by which it has consistently sought to direct its actions, and I respectfully submit that none of the circumstances urged in your Excellency's memorandum alters the principle involved."

Embargo Violation.
The placing of an embargo on the trade in arms at the present time would constitute such a change and be a direct violation of the neutrality of the United States. It will, I feel assured, be clear to your Excellency that holding this view, and considering itself in honor bound by it, it is out of the question for this Government to consider such a course."

I hope that your Excellency will realize the spirit in which I am drafting this reply. The friendship between the people of the United States and the people of Germany is so warm and of such long standing, the ties which bind them to one another in amity are so many and so strong that this government is under a special compulsion to speak with perfect frankness when any occasion arises which seems likely to create any misunderstanding, however slight or temporary, between those who represent the governments of the two countries."

It will be a matter of gratification to me if I have removed from your Excellency's mind any misapprehension you may have been under regarding either the policy or the spirit and purposes of the government of the United States. Its neutrality is founded upon the firm basis of conscience and good will."

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.
W. J. BRYAN.

Governor Philipp of Wisconsin, ordered the shutdown of the state prison on binding twine factory, as he asserted that it is being operated at an annual loss of \$66,000.

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